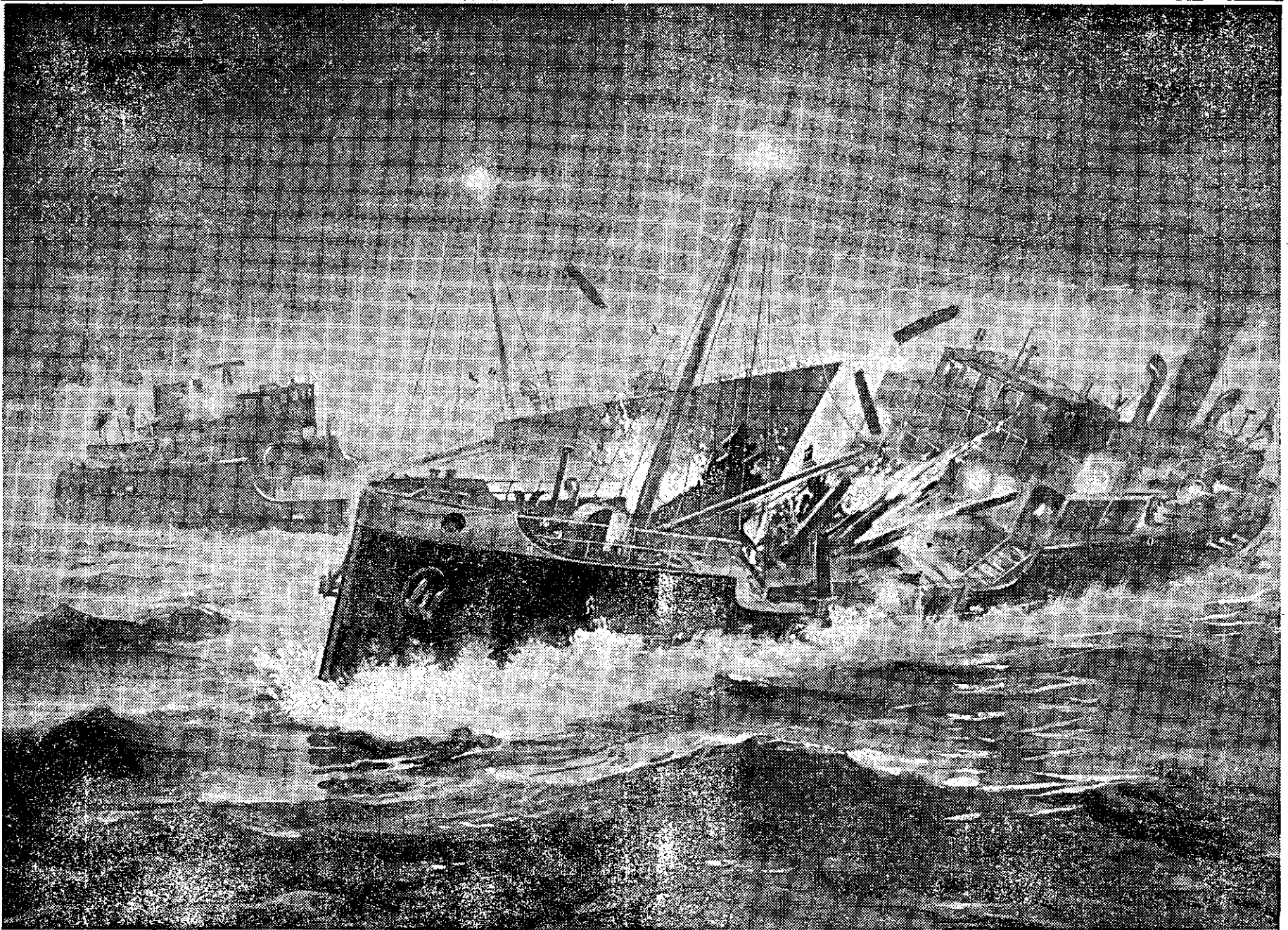


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SHIPWRECKED ON HIS FIRST VOYAGE!

ALAN GRAHAM was fed up with shore life and decided he wanted to go to sea. He went, and on his first voyage his ship sank.

Alan, who comes from Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, had been a motor mechanic. In his home town he could watch Old Father Thames rolling along to the sea and he made up his mind that this should be his destination, too. So, after inquiries, he got a job as cabin boy aboard the coaster *Actuality*.

He joined her at Ipswich. She was a stout vessel of 945 tons carrying coal from Amble, Northumberland, to the little

North Devon port of Yelland, near Instow. It should have been a pleasant trip down Channel and round Land's End.

But as *Actuality* passed the Straits of Dover, she found herself in thick fog. And these narrow waters are among the busiest in the world.

After passing the Straits, and when she was about four miles off Dungeness, Alan, who was washing dishes in the galley, felt his ship suddenly struck a great blow in her side. *Actuality* was in collision. The other ship,

only half her size, had torn a terrible hole in her hull. The two vessels were locked together.

"I was scared for a while," said Alan afterwards, "but everyone else seemed quite calm. So I just waited for orders." But water was pouring through his vessel's torn and buckled plates and it was plain that there was no hope for her.

"Abandon Ship"

Actuality's skipper, Captain Whyte, of Glasgow, gave the order "Abandon Ship" and the crew of eleven jumped for the bows of the other vessel. In the hurry and the haze of the fog there was no time for most

of them to save any of their belongings.

Everyone got safely on to the deck of the other ship, which was Dutch, the *Betty Anne-S.*, on passage from Swansea to Rotterdam. Her bows were badly crumpled and she was holed below the waterline. As quickly as possible she turned shorewards for Dover. There she safely landed Alan and his mates. And they were lucky, for *Actuality* soon turned turtle and sank a few hours later.

Now, for Alan, "see life" means "sea life."

"Nothing can stop me now," he told a reporter.



Alan Graham, safely ashore

IN BRITAIN NOW



COLD NEWS FROM THE RAILWAYS

With the chaos of last winter well in mind, British Railways have been taking steps to combat the hazards of severe frost and ice.

There will be 2,180 points heaters in operation, nearly three times last year's total; a further 300 are to be installed during the winter. Each heating unit costs about £105, and installations will be at key junctions only. To equip more than 100,000 switch points on all lines would cost £10,500,000.

Improved types of anti-freeze mixtures are being sought to keep free other points which are linked with signal boxes.

Engineers have been paying

special attention to drainage to avoid what is known as "frost heave"; that is, the expansion created when water freezes beneath the track and shifts the foundation slightly.

Attention is also being paid to diesel locomotives; minor changes in design will improve performance in frosty conditions. Improved drain valves and changes in the location and lagging of water pipes will reduce ice-blockages in the steam-heating.

FOR LOCO-SPOTTERS

A Christmas card which should delight all loco-sporters and railway lovers has been prepared by the Havant and District Railway Retirement Association. It shows the AIX class engine No. 32650 crossing the Langstone Bridge on the Havant-Hayling Island branch line, which is likely to be closed.

Further particulars can be had by writing to Mr. E. G. H. Clark of the Association at Havant, Hampshire.

COPPER PLATES AT £5 EACH

The copper and zinc plates which protect the hull of the wonderful old *Cutty Sark* have suffered from exposure to London's atmosphere. So they are being removed and sold at £5 each.

Already about 100 have been bought by Cutty Sark Societies in the Commonwealth and the United States. The money raised by the sale of the plates will go towards the cost of re-covering the hull in a modern alloy.

BAND BOY



Ten-year-old Teddy Quick of Romford, Essex, is a member of the famous Romford Boys' Band, which has 100 members and a long queue of boys waiting to join.

PLOUGHMEN CHAMPIONS

Clive Davies (24) of Eardisley, Herefordshire, will represent England in the international Young Farmers' Club ploughing competition at Londonderry on 21st November. His 80-year-old grandfather and his father, both former champion ploughmen, will go with him.

SHIRTS THAT GLOW IN THE NIGHT!

The Belfast Association of Engineers was listening to a lecturer at Queen's University when the lights went out. And shirts worn by men in the audience began to glow eerily!

The lights had been switched off at a signal from the lecturer, Mr. D. H. Holloway, to help stress a point. He explained that the shirts glowed because most soap powders now contain an element of fluorescence.

Which seems to suggest that no shirts wash whiter than light!

HELP WHERE NEEDED

Because he saw three old ladies slip and fall on icy roads at Newcastle last winter, 15-year-old Peter Sharkey decided he must do something to help old folk. His friend Terence Smith, also 15, agreed, and now the pair spend three evenings a week, and their Saturdays, doing unpaid jobs for old people. They run messages, work in gardens, and hope to do some painting and decorating.

It seems to me...



THESE two girls are meeting Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday, 26th November.

They are Mavorneen Badrick and Elaine Galbraith, both of Aylesbury, Bucks, and they are to be presented with certificates as "Gold" winners in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

Started by Prince Philip for boys in 1956 and for girls in 1958, the scheme's aim is to provide new interests and activities for young people.

Both girls spent two years over their tasks. Mavorneen's included archaeology, toy-making and expeditions under the "Adventure" section. Elaine included six months learning Braille and then giving service to the blind.

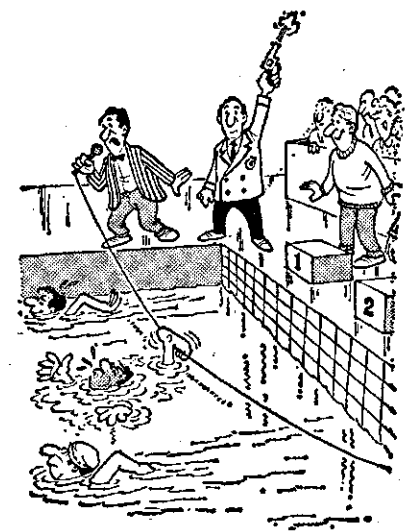
It seems to me that this scheme is a very bright idea!

The Editor

LAUGH TIME

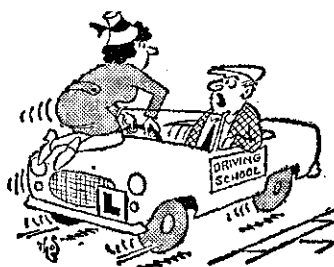


"Angus—you'll just have to buy some specs!"

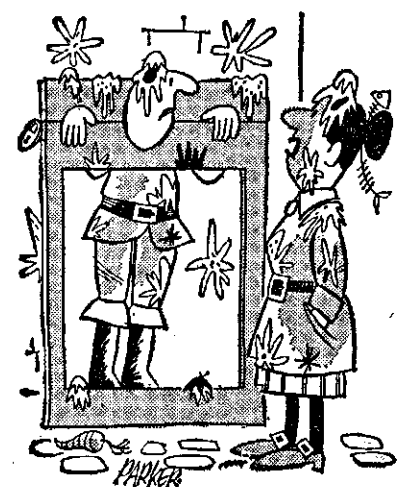


"Grundy in Lane Two seems to be in trouble! It looks like cramp."

"Gosh Mummy! But how old do I have to be before I CAN wear things that are too old for me?"

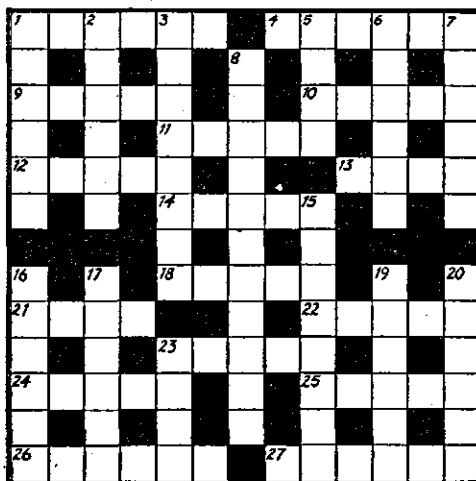


"You don't steer like THAT in reverse!"



"Thank goodness you're getting out tomorrow—I'm fed up with these visiting days!"

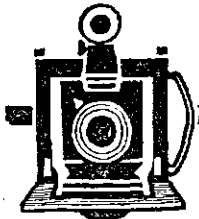
Crossword puzzle



ACROSS: 1 American city which had a famous Tea Party. 4 Japanese robe. 9 Depart from. 10 Supple. 11 Thick. 12 Proof of whereabouts. 13 Plunge. 14 To live. 18 Belonging to them. 21 Minute quantity. 22 Glorify. 23 Additional. 24 Loosen. 25 Attempted. 26 Government assembly. 27 Scoffs. DOWN: 1 Narrative poem set to music. 2 Motionless. 3 Dutiful. 5 Lazy. 6 Acquire. 7 Lifted the lid. 8 Emotional. 15 To warn. 16 Feather-shaped cloud.

17 Pilfered. 19 Conflict. 20 Slips. 23 Way out.

Answer on page 12



KNOW YOUR NEWS

SOUTH VIETNAM—LITTLE COUNTRY WITH A BIG PROBLEM

How are little countries to live in peace once the colonial Powers that ruled them have departed?

This problem occupies the waking hours of most top Western statesmen today.

Latest victim of "independence" is SOUTH VIETNAM. With North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, it made up the old French-governed Indo-China.

In 1954 the French were forced out and their colonial empire in the Far East split up into independent slices.

A republican régime took over in South Vietnam soon afterwards.

Early this month that régime was overthrown by Army generals, according to a pattern which we see repeated almost every year in one part of the world or another.

By our Special Correspondent

Politicians fail. Military men step in. It has happened in Egypt, Yemen, Burma and Pakistan, for example.

In the case of South Vietnam the 62-year-old President, Ngo Dinh Diem, and his younger brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, lost their lives.

The world became aware how much this remarkable family had dominated a country of some 14 million people.



Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu

President Diem, a bachelor, and Mr. Nhu cleared away a good deal of corruption and carried out many reforms.

Mr. Nhu's wife—she was in the United States on a propaganda mission at the time of her husband's death—did much to raise the standards and status of Vietnamese women.

Buddhists' protests

Unhappily the President and his family, staunch Roman Catholics, came into conflict with the large mass of Buddhists in Vietnam.

In protest against what they called "persecution," several Buddhist monks burned themselves alive.

Thus the way was paved for revolt. But there is little doubt that these local causes were only part of a wider picture.

When France stepped out, Communist China tried to step in. The United States, fearing that the Chinese might eventually dominate all South-east Asia, supported Vietnam.

Meanwhile North Vietnam had turned Communist. With help from China it has been ceaselessly supplying and aiding Communist guerrillas in a bid to take over South Vietnam as well.

Under Pressure

President Diem seems to have perished partly because he tried too hastily to modernise his country—with American help—to beat back the Communists.

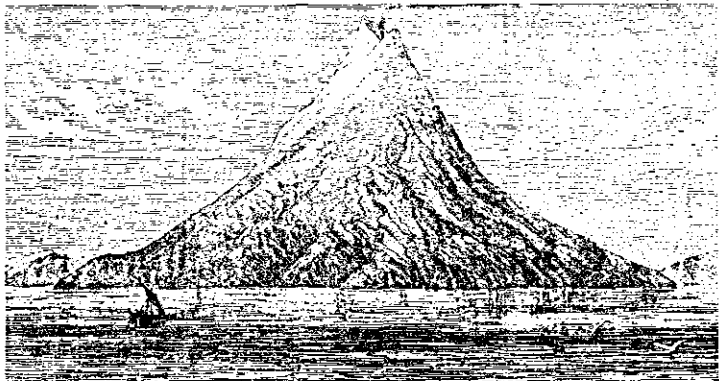
Both neighbouring LAOS and CAMBODIA are also under heavy Communist pressure.

Like South Vietnam, they have not really found peace since the French packed up and went home.

And so long as there is no local peace in this region, there is always a risk that the Western members of the defence pact known as the South-East Asia Collective Defence Treaty—and these include Britain—will be involved in trouble with China.

READERS' LETTERS

THE MIGHTY ERUPTION OF KRAKATOA



BERWICK IS STILL AT WAR!

Dear Sir,—After reading the article about Berwick-on-Tweed (issue dated 2nd November), I thought that you might be interested in the fact that Berwick-on-Tweed is officially at war with Russia.

This is because, at the time of the Crimean War, Berwick was not regarded as being in Scotland or England, and, when it came to signing the peace treaty at the end of the war, the town of Berwick was omitted.

Peter Wynn (13), Chelmsford.

The volcanic island of Krakatoa, which erupted in 1883 and caused the deaths of 36,500 people.

ALOYSIUS WOULD LIKE A PEN FRIEND

Dear Sir,—Would you please allow me a little space in your newspaper.

I am a seventeen-year-old boy interested in reading, listening to music, geography, writing, cycling, and travelling.

I would appreciate it very much if I could correspond with boys and girls in European countries, America, Australia, and New Zealand, and also the Indies, who are aged 16 to 19 years.

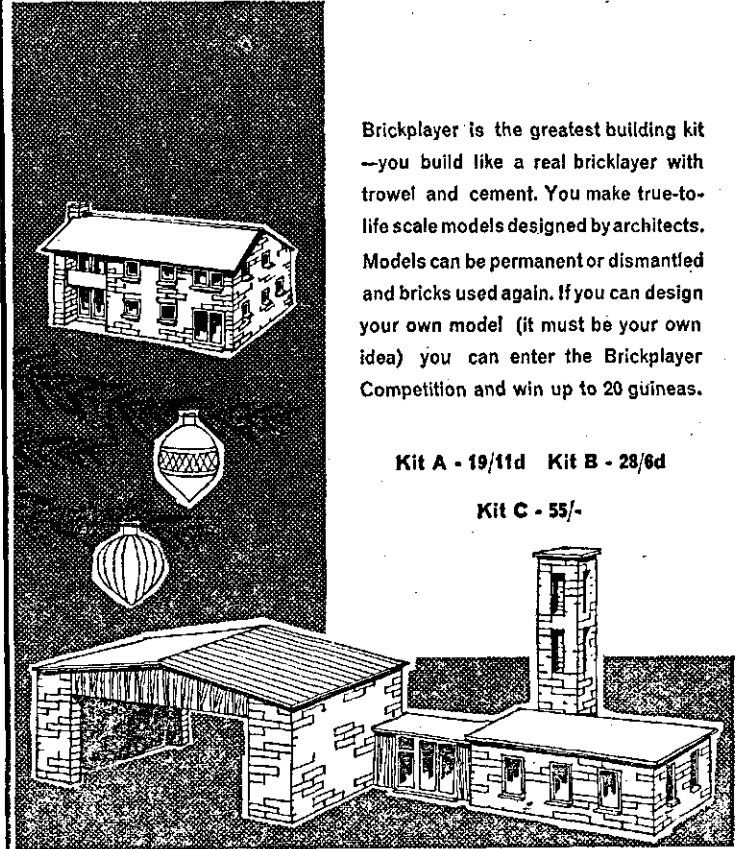
Aloysius Kaganda, St. Henry's College, Kitovu, PO Box 64, Masaka-Uganda, East Africa.

LAST WORD ON EDUCATION

Dear Sir,—If there had been no schools, no-one would be able to read and write, and there would be no CN!

Jonathan Arkush, Finchley.

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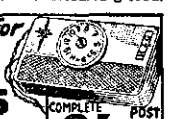
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THIS WIDE WORLD

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Un pan de montagne s'est détaché de la corniche qui surplombe de cinq mètres le pittoresque village de Florac, à l'entrée des gorges du Tarn, et s'est écrasé à quelques mètres des premières maisons.

Au premier contact avec le sol, l'énorme masse se brisa en plusieurs morceaux, emplissant la vallée d'un fracas assourdissant. Le plus gros des blocs, pesant plusieurs dizaines de tonnes, dévala la pente en direction du village, écrasant de nombreux sapins sur son passage. Par miracle, le rocher vint finalement s'immobiliser dans le parc municipal.

Aucun accident de personne n'est à déplorer.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 27th November. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 2nd November winner: Martin R. Tipton, 44 Broad Lane, King's Heath, Birmingham 14.

SQUIRMING IRMA AND SLAMMING SAM

A girl-sized mechanical figure called Squirming Irma is used in America for testing wear and tear on theatre and cinema seats. Irma rolls, twists, slides, and shifts on a seat 600 times an hour. Her squirming is equal to two years of actual use.

Irma's brother is "Slamming Sam," a boy-sized figure used for testing school desks. Sam opens and closes desk lids 1,200 times an hour.

JOB FOR BOYS (AND GIRLS)

At Berea College, Kentucky, students are able to pay for their tuition and board by working on various jobs; for the college provides, for the people of this out-of-the-way region, electricity and water supplies, a hospital, laundry, bakery, and a printing service.

The students can also earn wages in the college workshops, which produce woodcraft items, handwoven shirts and tweeds, pottery and soft toys, which are



DINOSAURS IN NEW YORK

New Yorkers blinked in astonishment the other day when nine enormous dinosaurs arrived in the city. The monsters, on their way to the site of the 1964 World's Fair, were made of glass fibre.

TWIST BREAK

It has been found that workers in a Hungarian textile factory produce more after a 15-minute break with Twist music. "Twist breaks" have now been recommended for other factories.

COSMIC ICE

From a cloudless sky over Moscow, last summer, a big chunk of ice whistled down into a garden.

Where it came from has remained a mystery. It could not have formed in the dry atmosphere, and no aircraft had passed over the district that day.

Scientists who took the eleven-pound lump away have been analysing it with a new method they have developed, and they now think it came from outer space. An ice meteorite is possible, and this may prove to be the first one ever found.

OUTSIZE SEA-COWS

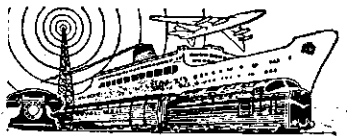
Strange sea-animals, some of them about 25 feet long with dark skins and tiny heads, were recently seen in the Arctic by the crew of a Russian whaler. The creatures are believed to be Steller sea-cows, thought to have been extinct for 200 years.

Related to the dugong and the manatee, these sea-cows could weigh as much as three and a half tons.

ICE-CREAM ROBOT

An American electronic machine produces ice-cream mixed according to your taste. You simply put in a perforated card, and in a matter of seconds the machine mixes the required ingredients and gives you whatever kind you like.

BRIEFLY...



American infantrymen are to carry nine-ounce radio sets on their helmets so that their sergeant-majors can keep in constant touch with them.

Lucky opal

For two days girls of a Bridport school, Dorset, searched for an opal lost by a woman at a hockey match. When they found it she gave them £2 "to be spent at the tuck shop".

A Liverpool boy's safe driving slogan: "The right is passing side. The left is suicide."

Aboriginal corroborees—ritual dancing and singing—are to be performed in theatres for the first time at Sydney and Melbourne.

See-saw champions

Two Nottingham students claim a world see-saw record. They rocked for ten hours as part of an effort to raise money for charity.

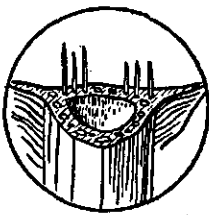
Automatic conveyor belts will take the place of dockers at a port being built at Karelia, Russia.

Hospital in the Himalayas

Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Everest, is raising money to provide a one-doctor hospital and a small airstrip for the Sherpa people of the Everest region.

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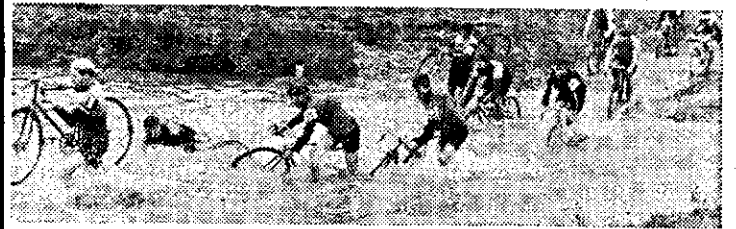
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Coming Events



KILSYTH, STIRLINGSHIRE:
Scotland's leading racing cyclists compete in the Velo Club Stella cyclo-cross event, 24th November.



LONDON (1):
Flower Arrangement Association of London and Overseas, Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall, Westminster, 27th November.

LONDON (2):
Y.W.C.A. Christmas Fair, Mayfair Hotel, Down St., W.1, 28th November.

SPONDON AND ASHBOURNE:

Princess Margaret will visit these two Derbyshire towns, 29th November.

MATLOCK: The same day she will be at St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale (right), and will also open the new Assembly Hall, Matlock Bath.





LONGER LIFE, GIRLS!

THE Registrar General has been issuing figures which suggest that girls can expect to live longer than boys. It seems that a boy of today can expect a life of 68 years; girls will last six years longer. From this it appears that the "weaker sex" have quite a future!

And that's not all—here's another "statistic" you may like to know about. If you're an "only" child, you're likely to be both heavier and taller than girls from a more-than-one family. According to Professor Andrew Semple of Liverpool, 14-year-old "only" girls have an average weight of 112.2 lb. compared with 107.22 lb. for girls from a more-than-one-in-family, a difference of almost 5 lb.

Add to that the fact that you're half an inch taller, and you're really quite a girl!

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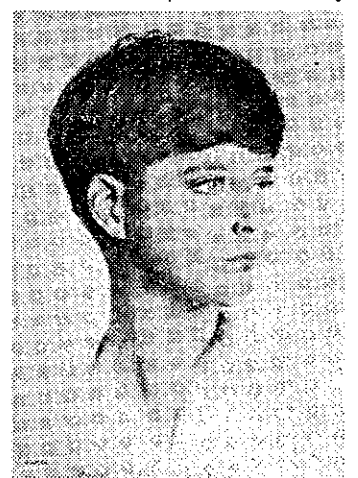
ROYAL TOYS AND PORTRAITS

LAST week I said I would be going to the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, to see the "Royal Children" exhibition, now open to the public until next March. (Admission 2s. 6d.)

On show are belongings of Princes and Princesses from the 16th century down to the present day; modern chalk drawings—like the three shown here; pastels; marble statues; photographs from the Royal family album; and letters from schoolboy princes written to Kings and Queens.

There are many of the Royal

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (born 1948). Signed and dated Lawrence/Windsor 24th April 1957.



H.R.H. the Princess Anne (born 1950). Signed and dated Lawrence/Windsor 24th April 1957.

children's playthings, too — a miniature coach (presented to the future Edward VII in 1847) now a "special" with Princess Anne. Caesar, a large grey rocking-horse with saddle and stirrups and a coat in the Household colours of red and blue, was once the Queen's own nursery favourite, but is now commandeered by Prince Andrew.

Next to the rocking-horse stands the Queen's own fur-trimmed, red-coated doll and a doll's cot and pram which were handed down to her from her mother. There's a suit of armour made in 1610 for the teen-aged Henry,

Prince of Wales, son of James I. There's a small wheelbarrow and a wooden horse and cart, together with garden tools used by Queen Victoria's family.

The entrance is at the side, in Buckingham Palace Road. Just look for the queue and join it. (Open from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Sunday 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Closed on Mondays).

The drawings of the Royal Children are reproduced here by gracious permission of Her Majesty The Queen.

H.R.H. the Prince Andrew (born 1960). Signed and dated Kathleen Tweed/May 1963.



SISTERS



"Why can't you play with dolls like other girls?"

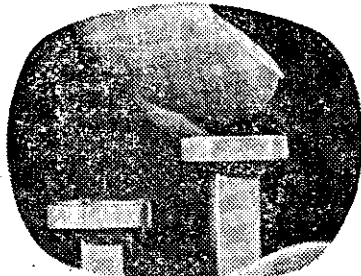
RIDE 'EM COWGIRL!

A KEEN Western fan is 12-year-old Hazel Allanson of Glebe Farm, near York, who rounds up the cattle on her father's farm mounted on *Dairymaid*—a cow she has trained herself!

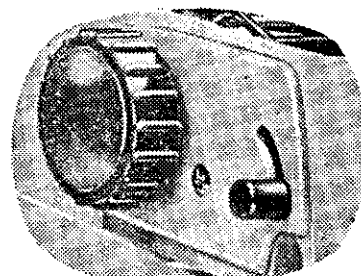
"At first *Dairymaid* bucked and jumped when I tried to mount her," said Hazel, "but now she's settled down and seems to enjoy it." Her father explained: "Hazel's a real tomboy and, because we've nowhere to keep a pony, she hit on this happy idea."

Now Hazel is planning to train two more cows so that her brother and sister can "ride the range" with her.

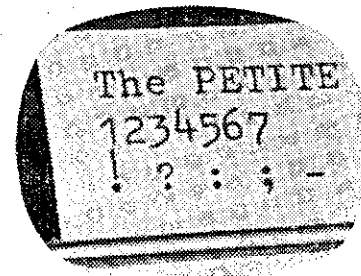
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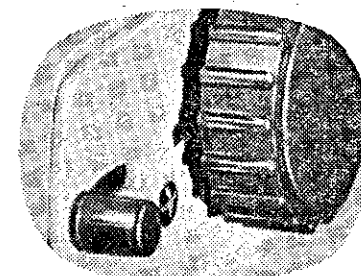
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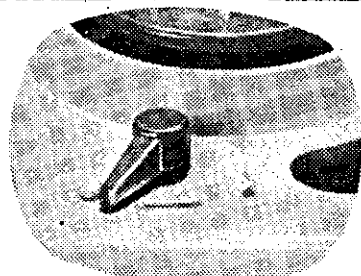
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TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE



WRENS OUT IN THE COLD

Nearly all experts agree that the wren was the bird which suffered most severely during the bitterly cold months of January and February this year.

In my own part of the country, where I normally have two pairs of wrens in my garden, I did not see one at all after the frost and snow set in, and I have not seen one since.

Inquiries from bird-minded friends in the district showed that they, too, had noted an absence of wrens.

When I mentioned this sad subject to my young naturalists, Paddy and Jane, they at once asked me why wrens had suffered

so badly as compared with—say, blue and great tits.

It is always difficult to give a complete reply to this kind of question. But as regards wrens in fair-sized gardens, I should say that, unlike most other garden birds which were literally saved from starving by being fed on bird-tables, wrens, being almost entirely insectivorous in their diet, did not benefit from their human friends. I myself have never known a wren come to a bird-

table, and I don't know of anyone who has.

During my talk with Paddy and Jane, Jane asked a very intelligent question. She wanted to know



The wren: a hard time in a hard winter

why she and Paddy had seen a tree-creeper actively investigating a tree trunk during the cold spell, and looking quite healthy.

"Surely," she said, "tree-creeper is insect-eater, just as much as wrens are?"

This was a good point; but there is a catch in it. The little

tree-creeper has a longish and curved beak which enables it to get behind pieces of loose bark and into sheltered crevices where hibernating insects may be, or where insect pupae can be found. The wren's much smaller beak is not able to probe about so well as that of a tree-creeper—and it cannot run round and round and up tree trunks, either!

What about stories of many wrens roosting together in old nests during autumn and winter?

These are not just yarns. It is quite true that considerable numbers of wrens have often been recorded as huddling together night after night; but during a normal winter there will be enough food to support life and produce the necessary body heat, which can be maintained for some hours in a snug nest.

I have recently returned from a holiday in east Kent. Where I was, near Canterbury, some wrens had escaped the cold. I heard two cocks singing in one garden and saw two other wrens not far away. A friend also told me he had had at least one in his garden.

These are hopeful signs. It may take a season or two, but I am sure that our harmless, useful little wren will eventually be restored to normal numbers.



HOW WE RUN OUR COUNTRY

CHOOSING A PARTY LEADER

AS every political party seeks to become the government of the day, so the leader of every political party seeks to become Prime Minister.

Nevertheless, the powers of the party leader and the method of his appointment vary in each of the three major parties:

The Conservative Party leader is elected at a meeting attended by Conservative members of both Houses of Parliament, by Conservatives who are going to try to become MPs at the next election ("prospective parliamentary candidates"), and by members of the National Executive Committee.

Once elected, the Party leader holds the office for life or until he resigns (usually he does this when the majority of the party no longer support him).

The leader alone is responsible for working out policy and he is in complete charge of the party headquarters (the Conservative Central Office).

When he is the leader of the Opposition, he chooses the members of the "Shadow Cabinet" himself.

A Shadow Cabinet is the group of Opposition MPs who would be



Sir Alec Douglas-Home acclaimed by Conservative colleagues

Cabinet ministers if their party were in power.

In the Labour Party, the method of choosing the leader is quite different and its leader's powers are different.

The Labour Party leader is elected only by Labour MPs and he does not hold the office for life or until he resigns.

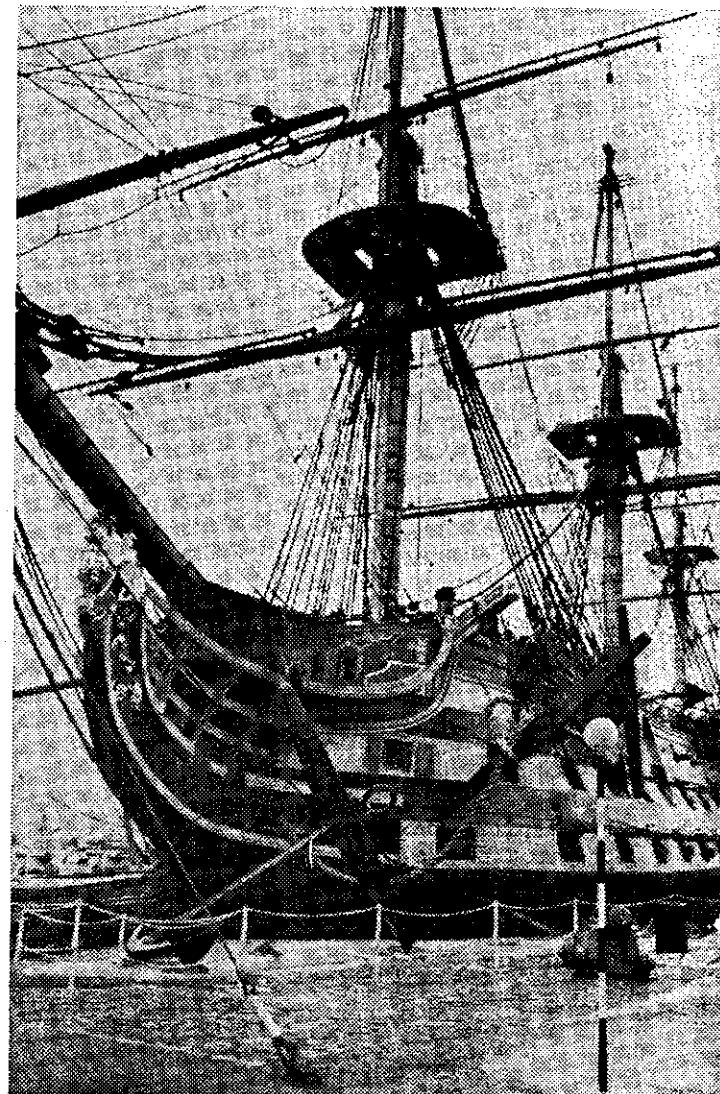
When the party is in opposition, an election must be held each year for the position of leader.

He is not in complete control of party headquarters and neither, when the party is in opposition, does he choose the members of the Shadow Cabinet himself. These are chosen by the same people that elected him—the Labour MPs.

The Liberal Party leader is elected in the same way as the Labour leader—by the Party MPs. He does not, however, have to be re-elected each year. Once he is elected, he usually remains as leader until after the next General Election, when the Liberal MPs either choose a new leader or confirm the old one.

The present leaders of the three main parties are Sir Alec Douglas-Home (Conservative), Mr. Harold Wilson (Labour) and Mr. Jo Grimond (Liberal).

Next week:
**PARTIES
IN PARLIAMENT**
(The Whips)



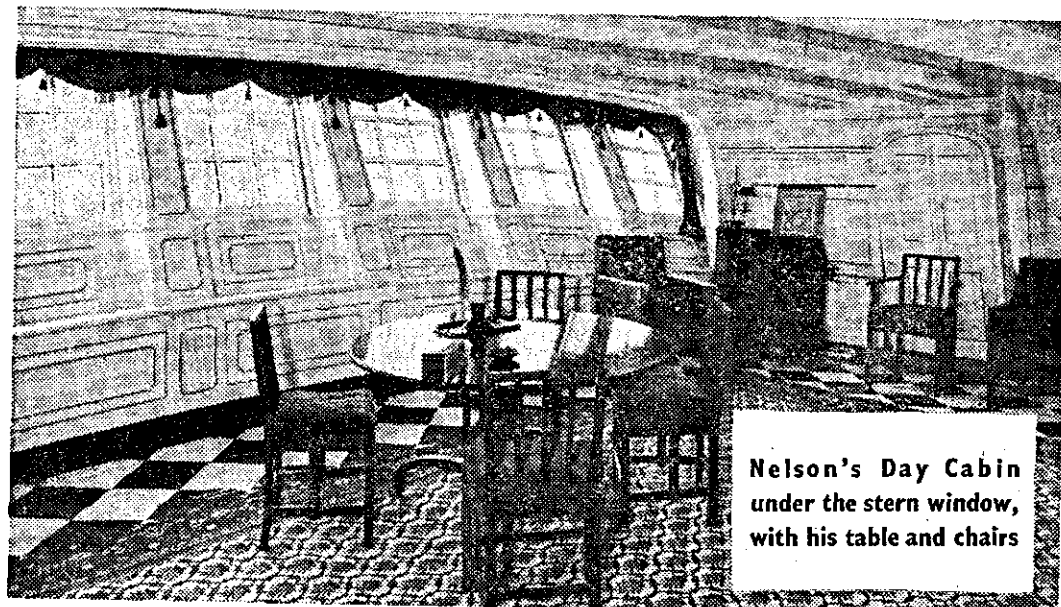
H.M.S. Victory in her permanent dry dock at Portsmouth



paper, 23rd November, 1963

CN PANORAMA

News in Pictures



Nelson's Day Cabin under the stern window, with his table and chairs

BRITAIN'S ONLY BATTLESHIP . . .

H.M.S. Victory, built in 1759, as a "line-of-battle ship," was already about 46 years old when she flew Nelson's flag at Trafalgar, Britain's greatest sea victory (1805). She is visited in her dry dock at Portsmouth by 300,000 sight-seers a year and her survival is a matter of a continued battle with wood-boring beetles and the British weather.

Recently the Admiralty announced that this wonderful old ship was to be re-rigged—and that means using 34 miles of hemp rope. It gives us some idea of the complicated skill needed to navigate a big ship whose only motive power was the wind.

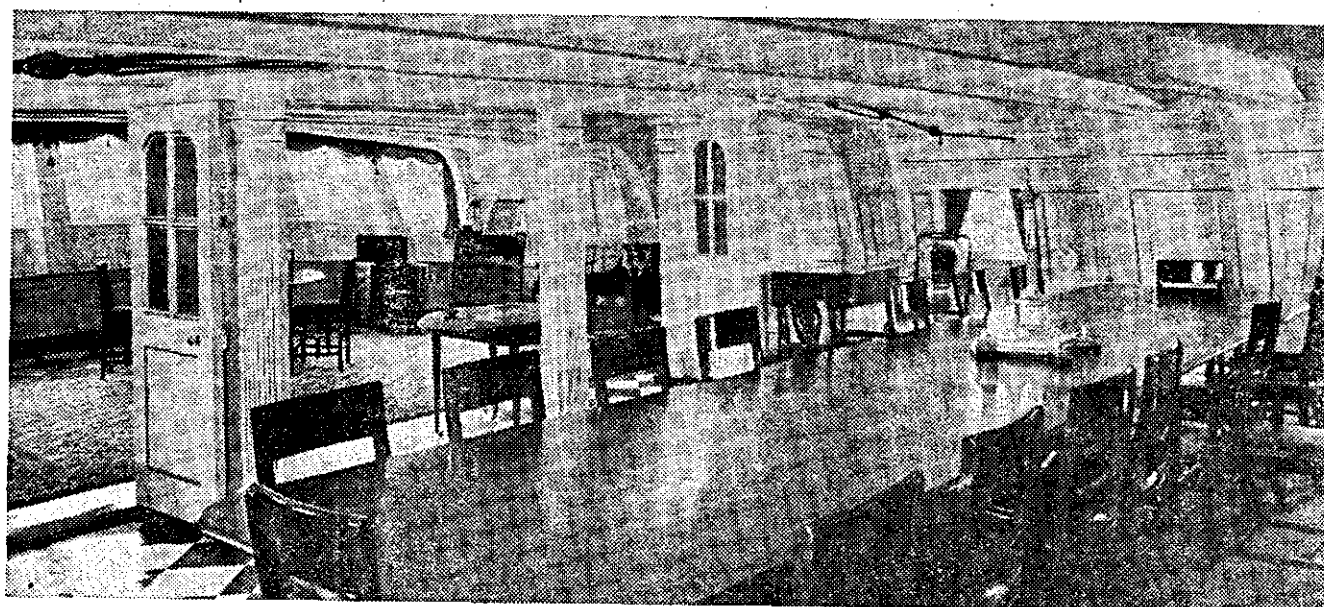
The life of the specialised warship, moved only by sail, was about 400 years: the life of the iron or steel warship, about 100. Now that modern weapons have made the battleship useless *Victory* remains, in her beauty and pride, a national monument.

Replica of the swinging cot, slung between two guns, used by Nelson while at sea

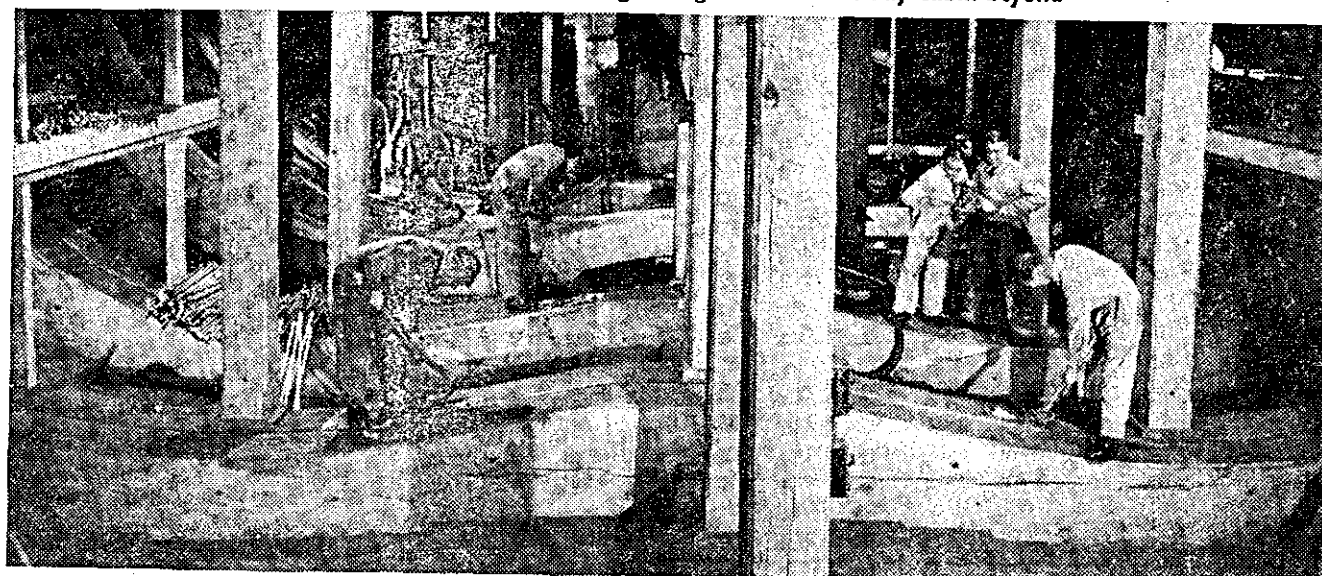
Restoring rotting timbers in the bilge of *Victory*. Workers in the foreground are using the adze, traditional shipwright's tool.



Master-Rigger of *Victory*, who works from a manual of 1807



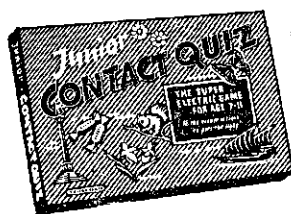
Nelson's Great Cabin with the big dining-table and the Day Cabin beyond



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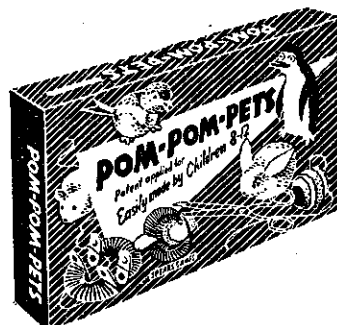
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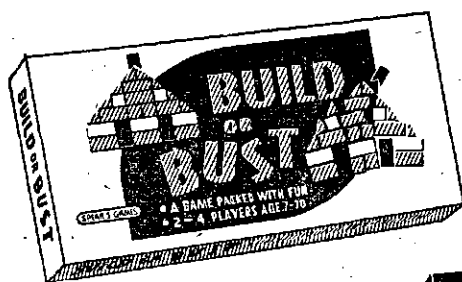
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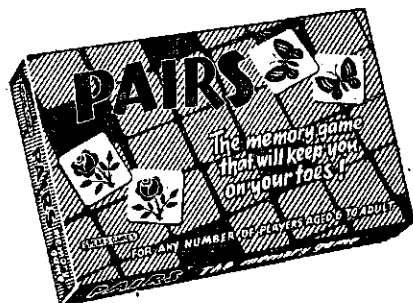
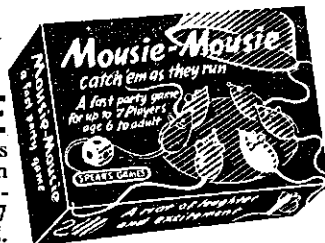
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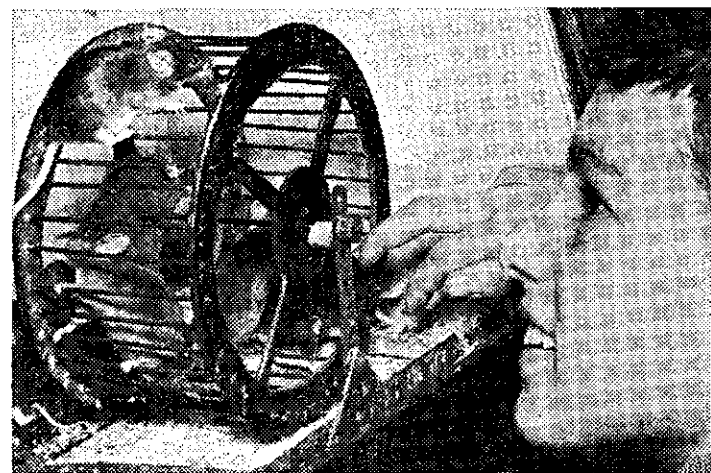
YOUR PET MICE

White or coloured fancy mice are all descended from ordinary house mice, which are greyish-brown with white feet. Some shows, particularly in the north of England, have mouse classes, and among the exhibits there may be examples of more than 50 colours and patterns. But the average pet mouse is either white or piebald.

These little animals can become very tame and make attractive small pets. Their care is simple provided that they are given a suitable cage, good fresh food and drink, and dry, clean bedding.

Mouse cages may be bought at most pet stores for a few shillings and it is worth investing in one of these, because it will be properly designed and escape-proof. Choose the largest cage that you can afford because mice are active animals and like plenty of room for exercise. And I would prefer a cage made of wood instead of metal as it will be warmer.

The cage floor should be covered with sawdust and the sleeping quarters provided with hay or



Pet mice "limbering up" on their exercise wheel at the London Zoo's Rodent House

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

● I have had several queries about tortoises. The main problem seems to be the tortoise that does not at once settle in its hibernation box. The owners then wonder if these wakeful pets should be fed. The answer is *no*. Given plenty of dry straw, leaves and torn-up paper, a tortoise will soon burrow down and go to sleep. See that the box is kept in a quiet, dry, and frost-proof place, safe from mice and rats.

● One questioner asked if hares make good pets and here again the answer is *no*. Hares are quite unlike rabbits in their habits and requirements, needing large enclosures which must be kept absolutely clean if these animals are to survive.

wood-wool for bedding. The floor ought to be cleaned at least every three days and the bedding changed each week. Always remember that dirt brings disease to all animals.

Besides cages, pet stores usually stock prepared mouse food and

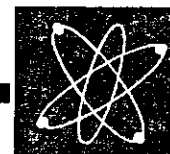
by

Katharine Tottenham

this can be given as the staple diet, with titbits of dried fruit, slices of apple, seeding grass, brown bread, and an occasional nut. *Don't give tame mice cheese as it does not suit them.*

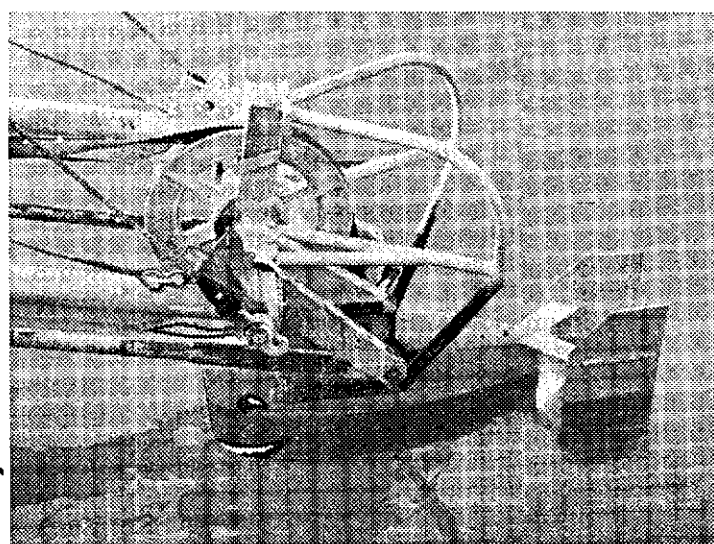
Water is important. See that the mice always have a *fresh* supply in their cage.

SCIENCE SURVEY



IT MEASURES ECHOES

STAND in a valley and shout, then cup your hands to your ears and listen. In a second or so your cry will come back to you from the opposite hills. Since sound travels a mile in five seconds, you could, by measuring the time-lapse between your shout and the answering echo, work out how far away the hills are that bounced it back.



Variable Depth Sonar, for detecting underwater objects

You and your stop-watch have become a distance-and-direction-finder, especially valuable after dark, when the hills would be unseen.

Sound also travels through water, but at a mile in *one* second. So, if we want to "see" objects under water, and discover their distance and direction, we can

shoot a sound through the water and measure the time its echo takes to return.

This method, called Asdic, is used by navies to find enemy submarines, to detect submerged rocks, to discover the depth of the sea and, by trawlers, to track down shoals of fish. An "ultra-sonic" sound—that is, one too high for us to hear—is sent through the water and will echo back from any solid object in its path.

Great depths

The newest device of this kind is called a Variable Depth Sonar, developed in Canada and now being tested here. It consists of a dome that can be lowered from a ship to great depths, so that sounds can be sent from it below the layers of warmer water near the surface. (These warm layers distort the echoes received by Asdic sets mounted in ships' hulls. This enabled war-time submarines to lurk undetected at certain depths.)

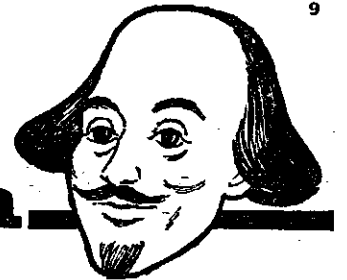
The Royal Navy is fitting Variable Depth Sonar sets to ships with specially designed wells from which the dome is raised and lowered, and will shortly be doing trials at sea to test the equipment.

The Children's Newspaper, 23rd November, 1963

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Part Three of **CN'S** special picture serialisation of William Shakespeare's famous "fairy-tale" play

A Midsummer Night's Dream



King Oberon has cast a spell on Queen Titania so that when she wakes she'll fall in love with the first creature she sees. Puck has also been ordered to cast the same spell on Demetrius but, mistakenly, he uses it on Lysander! Now the enchanted wood is full of the strangest happenings...

While Oberon and Puck look for someone to be the first Titania will see on waking—the one she'll fall in love with—they find a group of villagers who think themselves great actors. They've no idea just what bad performers they really are. The leader of the group, Quince, is saying: "We'll act the cruel death of Pyramus and Thisbe. If we can only learn our parts by heart, our company will surely be noticed at the Duke of Athens' wedding. We'll be a huge success."



The most stupid among them—a man named Bottom—thinks the story of the two lovers who are torn to pieces by a lion a very suitable play for a wedding, and insists on having the part of the lion. To everyone's amusement Quince says: "The part isn't even written. One can't write roars!" Ignoring their laughter, Bottom insists he can roar better than anyone. "Enough to make the girls in the audience faint from fright. I'll be cross if I can't be Lion!"



Oberon and Puck have fun watching Bottom striding up and down proving how loudly he can roar. Sneeringly Puck says: "I've never heard a donkey bray so loudly!" This gives Oberon an idea and immediately he casts a spell, changing Bottom's head into that of an ass! From their hiding place behind a tree, Oberon and Puck have great difficulty in not laughing aloud at the sight of the changed Bottom, for he has no idea what's happened. No idea he is now an ass!



His friends are terrified at the sight. "Help!" they shout. "A monster! We're bewitched!" (But it's Bottom who's bewitched.) When Quince tries to tell him that he now has the head of an ass, Bottom is furious. "You take that remark back," he cries. "Take it back or I won't play any more!" The more his friends try to tell him what's happened, the more angry he becomes. He just won't believe them. Finally they run away. "Let the idiots do without me," thinks Bottom.



Singing happily, Bottom wanders further into the wood and comes across the sleeping Titania. Awakened by his singing, she murmurs: "What a lovely voice. It must be that of an angel!" and, because of Oberon's spell, she thinks Bottom the most charming of men! "I can tell your voice is only one of a thousand virtues which makes me love you on sight!" Dumbfounded, Bottom says: "You exaggerate. A thousand virtues seems too many!" Titania sighs: "You're modest, too!"



"Elves—put yourselves at his service," commands Titania. Immediately they ask his wishes. Bottom thinks for a moment then says: "Scratch my head—it itches!" While an elf scratches his head with a twig, Titania makes him a coronet of roses and asks if he would like a snack of berries. "I'd rather have some hay," replies Bottom. "But later. Right now I'd like to sleep." Watched over by the adoring Titania and waited on by her elves, Bottom settles down.

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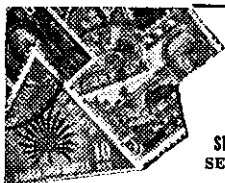
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WORLD OF STAMPS**NEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS**

LIKE other small countries in Europe, Holland, or—to give the country its correct name—the Netherlands, has had a troubled history. Many times the Dutch have been forced to fight for their freedom against foreign invaders, among them Philip of Spain, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Adolf Hitler.

Leaders in the struggle for freedom have been the members of the Dutch Royal Family, known as the House of Orange. Portraits of many of them are to be found on Dutch stamps.

Against Philip of Spain, the Dutch leader was Prince William the Silent, so-called because he



was a man of few words. Four commemorative stamps were issued in 1933 to mark the 400th anniversary of his birth. These stamps, which show his portrait, can still be obtained for a penny or two.

Another famous Dutch leader was the Prince William of Orange who married Mary Stuart and in 1688 became William III of Great Britain. Strange to say, he has not yet been portrayed on a Dutch stamp.

by C. W. Hill

Another Prince William led the Dutch in their struggle against Napoleon Bonaparte. In 1813 Prince William became the first King of the Netherlands. Three special Dutch stamps are being issued this week to mark the 150th anniversary of his accession.

Pictured here is the 30-cents value, which shows the new king solemnly promising to rule his people justly and honourably.

At this time Belgium formed part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, but in 1830 the Belgians claimed their independence and formed a separate kingdom.

Another important step in Dutch history occurred nine years ago. In December 1954, the former Dutch colonies of Surinam, in South America, and the Netherlands Antilles (six islands in the Caribbean Sea), were granted complete equality with their Mother Country.

Special stamps were

issued to mark this event. Their design, pictured here, had a portrait of Queen Juliana and the names of the three countries over which she reigns—the Netherlands, Surinam, and the Antilles.

Also due for issue this month is a children's charity series. Each stamp carries a small premium above its face value for postage, and money raised by sales of the

stamps will be given to help invalid children in the Netherlands.

The stamp designs show scenes from nursery rhymes familiar to all Dutch children. The 6 plus 4 cents value shown here features a well-known rhyme beginning "In the Hague there lived a Count..."

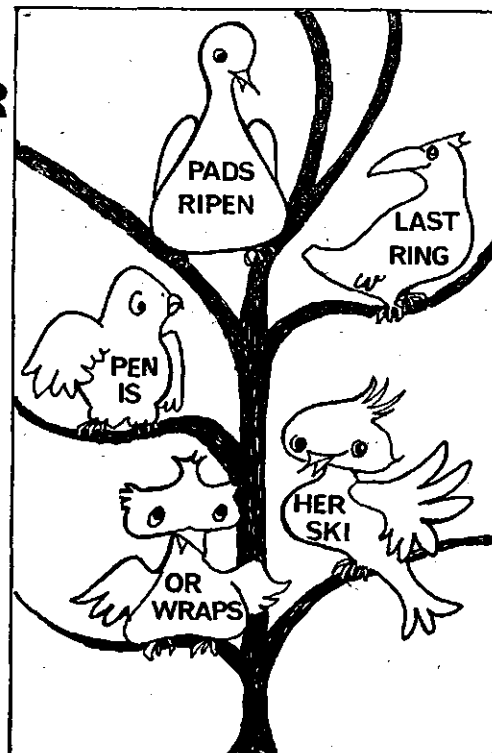
The last illustration this week is of a design which often puzzles collectors because it does not include the name of the country which issued it.

This is, in fact, a Dutch postage-due stamp issued in 1957 and still in everyday use. The inscription "Te Betalen" means "To Pay."



PICK A PUZZLE

FIND THE BIRDS—WITH THE LETTERS



The names of five well-known birds appear in the illustration, but the letters of each have been jumbled. Can you sort them out? Each name begins with the letter S.

FEMALES WANTED

Each of the following has a female counterpart. Can you name them?

Masseur, Earl, Marquis, Fiancé, Compère.

PIONEER PUZZLE

WHO was the first man to sail round the world?
 Who invented England's first printing press?
 Who was the first man to reach the North Pole?

WORD SQUARE

The answers to the four clues will, if written below each other, read the same down as across.

Not odd. Poll. Sicilian volcano. Close to.

JUMBLED TOWN

Can you re-arrange the letters in the words below to form the name of a Berkshire town famous as the birthplace of Alfred the Great?

A WET NAG

Answers to puzzles are on page 12

Beginning another true story of escape from danger and death in wartime Europe

A SPITFIRE OVER HOLLAND

IN the later part of 1944, the German forces in Holland were not in a happy position. One of their chief worries was the RAF, which was constantly harrying them with low-level daylight attacks.

On 29th September, Flight Lieutenant Carson, of 222 Squadron, was flying a Spitfire IX on just such a mission.

His business was to look out for any enemy motor vehicles, and, when he saw them, to fly in low and machine gun them.

At half-past seven in the morning he spotted exactly the right target—several German trucks loaded with soldiers.

He immediately came down low to attack, flying three times over the line of trucks, and using his machine guns with deadly effect.

The German soldiers replied with ragged rifle fire, and Carson was suddenly aware of a spluttering and failing engine.

Within minutes he had made a rough crash landing in a field not

far from the road with the trucks on it. Now, he was certainly in for trouble.

Luckily he himself was unhurt, and he clambered out of the crashed plane. Then did his best to set fire to it with an incendiary bomb.

However, he was in such a hurry that he mishandled the incendiary. So, giving up the attempt, he took to his heels and ran, well aware that the German troops were after him in angry pursuit.

He was running literally for his life, and he put every ounce of energy he possessed into the business of getting away.

Within a few minutes he came up against his first obstacle, a fair-sized canal. Carson was in such a panic to evade capture that he actually tried to jump across the broad stretch of water, and instead landed full in the middle of it. The cold shock of the water brought him to his senses, and he got across to the other side by swimming. Soaked to the skin, and cold, he climbed out on the far side, where he rested for a minute to regain his breath and consider his position.

THE German troops from the trucks seemed to have lost the trail and were not immediately on his heels, which he reckoned as a point in his favour. On the other hand, he realised that he no longer had his revolver. He must have lost it in the canal, and that was very definitely a big loss.

Nor could he take much comfort from the sort of territory he was in. Like most of Holland, it was as flat as a pancake, with just a few scattered farmhouses here and there, and practically nothing by way of cover.

However, it was no good staying where he was, so he got to his feet and set off across the flat landscape at a steady jogtrot.

Every now and again he passed men digging in the ditches, or farm labourers in the fields, who looked up at him in astonishment and stared with their mouths open.

Carson knew that he had crashed some miles south of the town of Gouda and, as he had been travelling south consistently since he started, he reckoned that

he must be getting somewhere near the large river, Lek.

It was eleven o'clock in the morning now and he knew that he must somehow get under cover. As the Dutch population were nearly all friendly to RAF men "on the run," he decided to take a chance.

He saw three small farmhouses close together and, choosing the centre one, went quietly up the yard behind it to the backdoor.

The farmer's wife was there, busy with some clothes. Carson smiled at her and started to explain who he was, in a mixture of Dutch and German. She seemed to understand what he was saying and nodded encouragingly. Then she ran into the farmhouse and came back with her husband. He spoke no English at all, but the moment he caught sight of the young officer's battle-dress and flying kit, he hustled him away into a large barn.

Carson did his best to explain that German soldiers were looking for him, but the farmer merely motioned him to stay where he was and keep absolutely quiet.

AFTER the excitement of the morning, Carson was glad enough to sit down on a bale of straw and take things easy for a bit.

At one o'clock the farmer appeared with a neighbour who could speak English pretty well.

This man explained that to cross the River Lek would be almost

impossible, as all the ferries were controlled by the Germans, who frequently made inspections of the people using them. On the other hand, he continued, it might be possible to hide Carson in some form of transport and get him away up into North Holland, where a number of other airmen were known to be in hiding.

Carson did not like this. What he wanted to do was to make his way south, towards the Allied troops.

But the farmer's friend shook his head. This would be very difficult. The Germans were clamping down most vigorously on all movement between their own position and the Allied front.

At this point in the discussion, one of the farm labourers rushed

in to say that a party of Germans was heading across the fields for the farm. They must do something quickly.

Within a matter of minutes, Carson found himself wearing an old suit of the farmer's, and seated in the farm truck beside him.

They got away along the back road before the Germans came up to the front of the house. Carson was driven to a village standing on the River Lek, called Krimpton-de-Lek, where he was handed over to a ship-owner known to be friendly to the British.

Although this man couldn't put Carson up in his house, he told

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meal, but Carson, who had had nothing to eat all day, was glad enough of it.

From his hiding place in the barge, he had a good view of the river, and the constant procession up and down it of German patrol boats of every sort was far from reassuring.

That night he slept badly, and as soon as dawn came he was at the ship-owner's house again. There another man joined them who spoke English extremely well, and who had been active in helping a number of Allied airmen to escape.

Given a little time, he told Carson, he would be able to fix him up with faked identity papers. This was cheering news, for without official-looking papers of some kind, it was pretty hopeless.

Carson's relief was short-lived, however, for, later in the day, the Germans started to search the far

good use by making himself thoroughly conversant with possible escape routes on his map, and by keeping a close eye on the ferry boat which he could see from his window.

What he saw cheered him a lot. It was true that there were German sentries posted on both banks, but a number of people used the ferry, and the sentries were not checking everybody.

EVENTUALLY his identity card arrived. He was now "Piet Smit," a landworker, with an address in Rotterdam.

The man who had managed to get the faked identity card was also able to provide a guide, a brave Dutch girl who was travelling south, by bicycle, to Dordrecht, a direction which suited Carson very well.

Bicycles were hard to come by at that stage of the war in Holland, but the schoolteacher managed to get hold of an ancient machine without tyres, and Carson had to make the best of it.

The arrangement was that he and the girl would never be actually together. She would ride well ahead all the time, and Carson would trail behind, not near enough to make it look as though they were connected in any way, but close enough to keep her in sight.

On the ferry itself there was little trouble. A number of people travelling on it were carrying cases and haversacks, and the German sentries concentrated on examining these. Moreover, RAF fighter-bombers had been busy that morning in the district, so that the German sentries and Dutch policemen were considerably concerned in keeping an eye open for further possible raids.

With the first hurdle behind him, and the River Lek successfully crossed, Carson mounted his decrepit machine and followed his guide, who was already pedalling steadily along the straight, flat road.

DORDRECHT was a considerable distance away, and the ride would take the best part of the day. The German-imposed curfew came into effect at seven o'clock precisely, and was rigorously enforced. So that, whatever happened, Carson knew that he must somehow contrive to be under cover by then at the latest, or run the risk of being shot.

When a signpost revealed that Dordrecht was only five kilometres away, the Dutch girl stopped to speak to some cyclists coming towards her. Carson rode slowly past, without giving any sign of recognition. After a short distance, he dismounted and pretended to be carefully examining his rear wheel.

Presently, his guide came into sight again, and, as she rode past, she made a sign which was unmistakable—No good! Carson understood that, for some reason or other, what he had been planning to do—to cross the River Maas at Dordrecht—was impossible.

LATER he was to find out that this was because an intensive questioning of everybody crossing the river had been started in Dordrecht, and there was no hope of evading it.

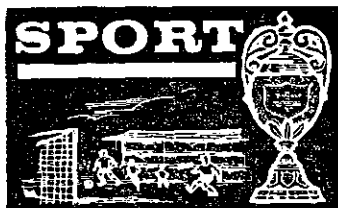
To be concluded

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He was running literally for his life.





BARKER, BARKER, AND BARKER

THE British Show Jumping team chosen for the international horse show competitions at Geneva and at Lyons (beginning next Friday), includes three Yorkshire riders named Barker.

Most well-known of the three is C. David Barker, of Bilborough, who competed in the 1960 Olympics in Rome. He is a cousin of the other Barkers, William (17) and David Boston (21), brothers from Northallerton.

WINTER SPORTS

YOU don't have to go abroad for a skiing holiday. Scotland is fast developing as a winter sports resort, with chairlifts, ski-tows, and professional ski schools.

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If you still prefer to go abroad, the Youth Hostels Association offers inexpensive holidays in Switzerland, Austria, or Norway. These are described in a booklet available from YHA Travel, 29 John Adam Street, London, W.C.2.

IT'S A LONG SWIM TO TOKYO!

RIGOROUS training is the order for the 52 swimmers named as possibles for Britain's Olympic team. Between now and next October, each candidate for the trip to Tokyo will have swum between 400 and 600 miles in hard training.

Mr. Alfred Price, manager of the team, said: "We shall have the finest bunch of swimmers in history. We are going to push them until it really hurts. There is a 'pain barrier' to break through in swimming, and every member of the team will have gone through the barrier before leaving for Tokyo."

The training schedules will be prepared by Mr. Price and Mr. A. D. Kinnear, British chief coach, and they will be carried out by the coaches of the individual swimmers. For all swimmers it will be a five-day training week.

Among the 52 named are Neil Nicholson of Gateshead and Malcolm Tucker of Street (Somerset), who had the rare distinction of tying for first place in the senior 100-yards breast-stroke event at the English Schools' championships last month.

Also on the list is 14-year-old Valerie Steele, the Bradford girl who is being coached by Olympic champion Anita Lonsbrough. In the schools' championships Valerie won the junior 100-yards back-stroke, thus rewarding Anita for travelling from Huddersfield to Bournemouth at her own expense so that she could cheer on her young protégée.



Two for Tokyo—Elizabeth Long, British 440 yards free-style champion; below: John Matthissen, specialist in the 110 yards freestyle.



INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

20th November
Rugby Union—Glasgow and Edinburgh v New Zealand.
Soccer—England v Ireland (Wembley); Scotland v Wales (Hampden Park, Glasgow).

21st: Rugby League—Widnes v Australians.

23rd: Rugby League—Swinton v Australians.

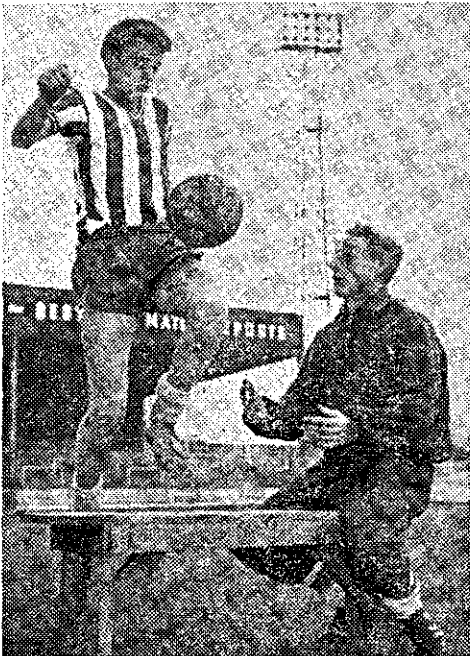
Rugby Union—Cardiff v New Zealand.

Amateur Soccer—Wales v England (Bangor).

30th: Rugby League—Britain v Australia (Leeds).

Rugby Union—Southern Counties v New Zealand (Exeter).

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



WATCH THIS, DAD!

John Barker is a 15-year-old apprentice with the Second Division club, Scunthorpe United. Keeping an eye on him here is his father, Jeff Barker, the club's trainer-coach.

There is another father-and-son combination at Gillingham. This Fourth Division club's manager, Freddie Cox, has signed his 15-year-old son, Barry, on amateur forms.



ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle (P. 2): ACROSS: 1 Boston. 4 Kimono. 9 Leave. 10 Lithe. 11 Dense. 12 Alibi. 13 Dive. 14 Exist. 18 Their. 21 Iota. 22 Extol. 23 Extra. 24 Relax. 25 Tried. 26 Senate. 27 Sneers. DOWN: 1 Ballad. 2 Static. 3 Obedient. 5 Idle. 6 Obtain. 7 Opened. 8 Sentimental. 15 Threaten. 16 Cirrus. 17 Stolen. 19 Strife. 20 Slides. 23 Exit.

(P. 10): Find the Birds—with the Letter S: Sandpiper; starling; snipe; sparrow; shrike. Females Wanted: Masseuse; countess; marchioness; fiancée; commère. Pioneer Puzzle: Ferdinand. Word Square: Magellan (in 1519); E V E N William Caxton V O T E (1476); Robert Peary E T N A (1905). Jumbled N E A R Town: Wantage.

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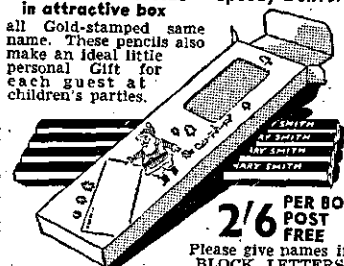
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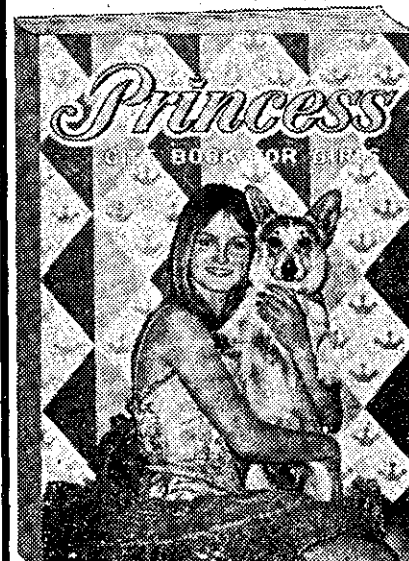
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